



St Simon the Apostle Parish

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Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

December 8th 2015 to November 20th 2016



Parish Priest: Fr. James Clarke **Parish Staff:** Loretta Hughes, Jacqui Giuliano, Suzette Diaz, Bernadette Ventura, Anabel Acosta-Harvey

23rd & 24th January 2016 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Volunteers BBQ

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for all your hard work throughout 2015. We really appreciate your dedication. Please join us for a BBQ on Sunday 31st January at 12.15pm.

Happy Birthday to...

Chantel Perez, Brittany Marasco,
 Jack Sloan, Genevieve Stagg,
 Margaret Meier, Jude Fernando,
 Carmel DeFrece, Matthew Dalle-Nogare, Anna Tie,
 Charlie Leonard, Susan Wong, Lulu Orbien,
 Raria De Mel, Monique Louey.



Tuesday 26th January

Public Holiday, Parish Office Closed

7.30pm: Mass, Side Chapel

Wednesday 27th January

9.15am:- Communion Service

Thursday 28th January

9.15am:- Mass, Side Chapel

7.00pm:- Men's Group BBQ, Fr Jim's garage

Friday 29th January

9.15am:- Mass, Side Chapel



"St Simon's Seniors" Morning Tea

Please note change of dates from Wednesday to the FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH at 10.00am after the Anointing Mass. Please bring a small plate to share. Transport can be arranged by phoning Brenda on 97528410.

Men's Group BBQ

Next Thursday 28th January

Fr Jim's Garage 4 McKay Rd

All men welcome to come and enjoy

7.00-9.00pm \$5 for great BBQ \$2 drinks



Happy Birthday to Fr. Jim who celebrates his Birthday on Monday.



Rosters for weekend of 30th & 31st January 2016

Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
Reader	Keely Williams	Frank Sutherland	Evans family	Petrie Family
Commentator	Kaye Williams	John Dorton	Reg Emons	Estela Banac
Help Desk	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Brenda Harriss	Marg Boyle
Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs		Flowers: Sally-Ann Cook	
Church Cleaning	Janine Fryer, Marina Ruffolo, George Kertesi, Mike Joseph			
Counters	Ed & Ming Nicdao, Armando & Cion Romana, Edna Alvarez, Vicki Quiambao			

Collections:- 17.1.2016

Presbytery \$1463.15
Loose donations \$424.05



	Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
Stewardship - Env. (2nd Collection)	\$3126.00	\$2038.75	74.9%
Stewardship - Credit Cards/Direct Debit (cumulative Average)	\$3781.00		
2013/2014 campaign pledge (weekly)	\$6907.00		

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

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FIRST READING: NEHMHIAH 8:2-6.8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-30

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

*Next Week's Readings:
The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (YrC)
Jeremiah 1:4-5.17-19;
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13;
Luke 4:21-30*

Recent Deaths:-

*Vittorio Mastromano (Felicia Ahumada's & Renato's dad),
Andrew Kelaart (John & Yvonne's brother),
Guenter Craft (Christine Moore's dad).*



ZUMBA Sat Feb 6th (7.00-9.00pm) \$20-00
Rowville Community Centre. Tickets: Call Marita 0430377208 Fundraiser - for Huntington's Victoria.

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

•LENTEN PROGRAM – MERCY \$7.00

Spiritual guidance (CD) from

Sr Hilda Scott (Vocations Director)

Fr Ken Barker (Founder of MGL)

GROUPS COMMENCE MONDAY FEB 8

•6 CONVENIENT SESSIONS to chose from:

MORNINGS: Thursday & Friday

EVENINGS: Mon, Tues, Wed & Thur

•SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE FOYER.

REMINDER:- LENTEN LEADERS:

Prep Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 2nd at 8.00pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2016

FRIDAY - March 4th

THIS YEAR THE ECUMENCIAL SERVICE IS AT ST SIMON'S PARISH

The country in focus : CUBA

Theme : Mark 10:13-16

Receive Children – Receive Me.

We need volunteers who are interested in being part of the organising team.

Please leave your name at the help desk.

For enquiries please call the parish office or call Philippa 0408331340.

The issue of domestic violence also features strongly in this year's service.

